AFFIDAVIT

I, ROBERT P. GEMBERLING, being duly sworn, depose as follows:

In the performance of my duties as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, I have been acting as a coordinator in connection with the investigation into the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY on November 22, 1963, at Dallas, Texas.

In connection with this assignment the following information is set forth with respect to my instructions and the subsequent handling of the contents of the address book of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

On approximately December 14, 1963, I instructed Special Agent JOHN T. KESLER of the Houston FBI Office, who was on special assignment at Dallas, to review photographs of the pages of OSWALD's address book for leads. He was instructed to extract all names and telephone numbers, the identities of which were unknown, together with any other lead information, and to prepare a memorandum for use in setting out such leads.

In connection with this review of the contents of OSWALD's address book, Special Agent JOHN T. KESLER

prepared a thirty-page memorandum on multilith, the first page of which was on office memorandum form. The information appearing in this address book:

"Nov. 1 1963
FBI Agent (FI 11211)
JAMES P. HOSTY
MU 8605
1114 Commerce St.
Dallas"

was not included in this thirty-page memorandum inasmuch as the identity of Special Agent HOSTY was known to both Special Agent KESLER and myself and was not lead information.

In connection with the preparation of my report dated December 23, 1963, it was my decision to have page one of Special Agent KESLER's memorandum retyped on plain multilith in order that the retyped page one and the subsequent 29 pages of his memorandum could be used as an insert in my report. This was done solely to avoid necessity for retyping the contents of the entire memorandum for a report. It was recognized that as a result of setting out of leads based on Special Agent KESLER's memorandum that results of investigation pertaining to such leads would be forthcoming and it was considered feasible to have the contents of the address book on which leads were based included in a report

in order that when the subsequent results of the leads were reported, such basis would have been previously set forth in a report. No other Agent or supervisory personnel was involved in this decision.

In this connection it should be noted that pages 672 through 701 of my report of December 23, 1963, contain the contents of Special Agent KESLER's memorandum and that pages 673 through 701 bear the typewritten page numbers of Special Agent KESLER's original memorandum.

I had no discussion with Special Agent KESLER concerning the inclusion or exclusion of the data pertaining to Special Agent HOSTY in OSWALD's address book, but Special Agent KESLER was merely following my instructions to extract information which was lead material.

It is pointed out that a report of Special Agent WARREN C. DE BRUEYS at Dallas, Texas, dated December 2, 1963, reflects that Special Agent HOSTY interviewed Mrs. RUTH PAINE at Irving, Texas, on November 1, 1963, and November 5, 1963. Also, the report of Special Agent WARREN C. DE BRUEYS dated December 8, 1963, on page 389 there is set forth the contents of a letter from OSWALD to the Russian Embassy in Washington, D. C., dated November 9, 1963, in which letter

OSWALD made reference to Special Agent HOSTY as "Agent JAMES P. HASTY" and his visit of November 1, 1963.

The additional contents of OSWALD's address book which had not previously been reported were included in my report of February 11, 1964, on pages 279 to 283, and it should be noted that none of the information appearing on these pages was lead information.

At no time during the course of the preparation of my reports and the coordinating of the investigation in this matter did I intentionally exclude any material from any report. As explained above, the fact that Special Agent HOSTY had conducted investigation at the PAINE residence on November 1 had been previously reported, his name, office telephone number and license number of his vehicle were not lead information, newspapers and other news media had given much publicity to the fact that Special Agent HOSTY's name and office telephone number were in OSWALD's address book, and the fact that it was not included in my report of December 23, 1963, was solely because it was not lead material and had not been included in the memorandum prepared by Special Agent JOHN T. KESLER for that reason.

Robert P. Gemberling

ROBERT P. GEMBERLING
Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 25

day of July, 1964.

Notary Public
Dallas County, Texas